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CAMPAIGN '98: A 1st LOOK AT THE BATTLE FOR SECRETARY OF STATE. A REMATCH OF 1994???

Editor's note: This week we'll take a first look at the 1998 battle for CA Secretary of State. Here's our brief update & analysis...

...When longtime CA SOS March Fong Eu(D) stepped down from office early and turned over the job to her top deputy, Tony Miller, many Demos - and probably some GOPers too - thought that Miller might be tough to be beat in the fall of '94, especially after surviving a very tough Demo primary. But then Assemblyman Bill Jones(R) ran a nearly perfect and better funded campaign than Miller and edged Miller by 35,599 votes. The key reasons for Miller's loss: 1) he was not a good fundraiser; and 2) had Kathleen Brown(D) run a better campaign at the *top of the ticket* against Gov. Pete Wilson(R), it's possible Miller might have won. And don't forget CA's Green Party --- because GP candidate Margaret Garcia got 314,812 votes(3.8%)...

...By most accounts, Jones, a traditional conservative from Fresno, has gotten *good marks* for his work these past 3+ years as SOS. If you had to note any one area where Jones has tried to score points, it's protecting the *integrity of the voting system*. But some might argue that he's been a little too partisan, especially with regard to the current Orange Co. brouhaha in the **46th CD** -- while almost totally overlooking the Orange Co. GOP voter fraud case in the **67th AD**. About 4-6 weeks ago, Jones announced he would seek a 2nd term as SOS, thus dropping a U.S. Senate exploratory bid...

...As for Miller, he has formed a new committee to run again and his former boss, March Fong Eu, will chair the '98 campaign. Miller's chief claim to fame in '98: co-author of Prop. 208, the new campaign reform law approved by voters in '96. As Calpeek readers know, the Calif. Demo Party is suing to have 208 thrown out

and some sources think 208 is one of those initiatives that should have been left on the drawing board. Miller will undoubtedly make election/campaign reform a key issue in '98, but also he'll have to deal with the fact that he has yet to pay American Data Management for printing bills from the '94 campaign amounting to \$170,000 and ADM's Doug Winslow will soon be taking legal action. Miller's HQ is at 2410 "K" St., Ste. C, Sacramento, CA 95816. ☎(916)447-2463. In case you're curious, that address belongs to veteran campaign consultant Leo McElroy, who guided Miller to a win in the primary, but wasn't deeply involved in the general...

...FYI: Will Miller get a free ride next June? Probably not. Sources think it's possible that former Congresswoman Lynn Schenk of San Diego may run. She formed an exploratory committee for AG, but Demos have been urging her to consider the SOS's race too. Stay tuned...

PART 14: DODGER DEAL CLOSE. L.A. WORKS NFL TO GET FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THE NEW COLISEUM

Editor's note: This week in Part XIV of our continuing series on *public funding of sports facilities* we'll give S.F. & the 49ers a rest and focus on some very recent developments in L.A. Here's our update & analysis...

...There are 3 sports/political happenings taking place all at the same time in L.A.: 1) the likely deal by Peter O'Malley to sell his L.A. Dodgers baseball team to Fox Studios/media magnate billionaire Rupert Murdoch; 2) the probable approval by the L.A. City Council to put a new downtown L.A. entertainment/sports arena on the fast track, and thus keep developers Ed Roski and Philip Anschutz (owners of the Kings NHL club) in the *happy camper* mode; and 3) a new move by Roski & Anschutz to win over the Nat'l Football League owners so that R&A can get a football franchise for the "New Coliseum." And all three deals have common links...

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...The sale of the Dodgers to Murdock appears to be a done deal. There's only one problem. While L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan and Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas convinced O'Malley that the Coliseum should be the place for an new NFL team, once O'Malley sells, Murdock may have other ideas. There's lots of land that the Dodgers own --- enough for a state-of-the-art NFL football stadium. The citizens who live in the area may not want a football facility, but Murdock, unlike O'Malley, knows how to play political hardball and won't be taking prisoners...

...As for Roski & Anschutz, they're playing for keeps too, on their deal to bring the Kings & Lakers to downtown L.A. R&A have hired Latham & Watkins, Cerrell Associates and Marathon Communications to help with this effort. At this point, the only opposition appears to be Hollywood Park, who claim that the EIR for this proposal is flawed. The deal, which will cost L.A. City some \$60-70 million, still appears to be on a fast track, but sources say there is the possibility of a local ballot measure which would ban public funding of sports facilities. This idea was floated some time ago, but there was no follow through. Now this idea is being dusted off. If R&A are stopped, then they might as well forget the football franchise deal...

...As for the New Coliseum, L.A. Councilman Ridley-Thomas is trying to keep this venue as a viable option for the NFL, but the football owners really don't like it and would much prefer a new stadium in *Dodgerland*. And while R&A have talked about rebuilding the New Coliseum without public funds (a popular idea with cash-strapped L.A.), sources say the NFL would prefer to see *some* public funding --- to show that the city government is really behind the deal. Only problem is that if a bond proposal were put before voters, it would probably lose...

...Bottomline: the thing to remember about all the new R&A/football statements is that this *dance* has just started. It's got a long way to go, according to our sources. And it takes 23 out of 30 NFL owners to win a franchise. Right now L.A. hasn't scored, but it's still early. Stay tuned...

CALIF.'S POPULATION IS AT 32,223,000 - UP 1.2%
Here's a brief rundown on the Top 10 Cities in Calif. with their new 1997 populations...

City	'97 Pop.	Increase from 1996
L.A.	3,681,700	+41,800
San Diego	1,197,100	+17,600
San Jose	873,300	+19,600
S.F.	778,100	+18,300
Long Beach	441,700	+ 3,700
Fresno	406,900	+ 6,000
Sacramento	388,700	+ 3,400
Oakland	388,100	+ 4,200
Santa Ana	307,000	+ 400
Anaheim	295,500	+ 1,500

LEGAL FILE: O.C.'S 67TH AD VOTER FRAUD TRIAL

Editor's note: The voter fraud trial against GOP campaign consultant Rhonda Carmony is supposed to get underway May 22nd with jury selection, following by opening statements on June 2nd. That's the tentative schedule. It's a very important trial and has tremendous political implications. Here is our very brief update & analysis...

...As **Calpeek** approached deadline, the trial of Carmony has not really begun, only jury selection. But what has the political establishment buzzing was a recent article by L.A. Times staffers Peter Warren & Eric Bailey. The article was originally run in the May 15th Orange Co. edition of the LAT and then run more recently in the other regional editions of the paper...

...The most important parts of this story were taken from court documents filed by Carmony's defense team and an interview with political consultant Catherine Rayner, who used to work for the CA Indep. Business PAC. Although earlier grand jury testimony had mentioned the CA Indep. Business PAC's role in the 67th AD recall of Doris Allen(R), Rayner's interview with the L.A. Times really gives readers an insight into the PAC's role & power in this recall campaign...

...The person getting the *black eye* in this story is former GOP Assembly Speaker Curt Pringle. Sources believe the defense strategy will be to portray Pringle as the **key** to this whole plot to place decoy Demo

Laurie Campbell on the 1995 recall ballot to insure the election Scott Baugh(R)...

...But it's the conversations (as recalled by Rayner and covered in what some see as a smoking gun memo written by her) between PAC director Danielle Madison and Pringle which is most interesting to political insiders, especially the part about recruiting Campbell and how Madison tells Pringle, "You're going to look like dirt if you screw this up." Pringle denies any wrongdoing and has not been charged. After reading this story, one gets the impression that both Rayner and Madison may be more important to Carmony's defense than previously thought. Stay tuned...

SPRING '97 ELECTIONS: CITY & COUNTY CONTESTS.

Editor's note: Here is part XIII of Calpeek's continuing coverage of city & county spring elections

☒ ***GOP vs. GOP in Torrance*** - While Demos are all aboard a \$60 million school bond measure in Torrance, L.A. Co.'s 3rd largest city, South Bay Republicans are **split**. Chair of YES on A is GOP heavyweight Bob Virtue, chair of the So. Bay chapter of the Lincoln Club. On the NO side is the 53rd AD GOP Central Cmt. and the L.A. Co. GOP Central Cmt. The election is June 3rd...

☒ ***Redondo Beach*** - Just for the record, 1st term Redondo Beach Councilman Greg Hill was elected mayor of this beach city May 13th. A nice win for consultant Tom Shortridge...

☒ ***Political Fallout Over BB*** - The political fallout over the LAUSD's decision to fund the \$87 million Belmont Learning Center with funds from a \$2.4 billion bond measure may have a negative impact on two other measures facing some L.A. County voters this June 3rd. Voters have been left with a *sour taste* after the school board voted to use part of the bond money to build this monster project, which doesn't have a maximum price guarantee built into the plan. Most voters were left with the impression that **BB** funds would be used to repair & renovate existing schools, not to build new ones. And while there's still no organized opposition to either Measures "L" (for libraries) or "E" (for fire & paramedic services), backers of both proposals are nervous because both ballot measures require a 2/3rds vote. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '98: ODDS & ENDS FROM AROUND CALIF.

Editor's note: here are some briefs about Campaign '98 that are worth noting...

☒ ***GOP Treasurer's Race*** - It didn't take long for three Republicans to jump into the State Treasurer's primary race once State Sen. Jim Brulte(R-Rancho Cucamonga) decided not to run. Newest candidates are GOP Assemblyman Jan Goldsmith, former mayor of Poway in San Diego Co.; San Mateo Co. Sup. Ruben Barrales, one of only two GOP Latino elected officials in Calif.; and Orange Co. Treasurer John Moorlach. Goldsmith, who had been looking at the AG's race, has hired consultant Joe Shumate, while Barrales has hired The Stonecreek Group as his lead consultant...

☒ ***GOP AG's Race*** - Former CA Gov. George Deukmejian(R) will serve as general Chairman of Dave Stirling's exploratory committee for AG. Russo, Marsh + Raper have been hired by Stirling as lead consultants for his campaign...

☒ ***Fundraising Timetable*** - The FPPC has cleared up some Prop. 208 confusion over the specific date that fundraising can begin for *Campaign '98*: It's June 2nd for Statewide candidates and Dec. 2nd for legislative candidates...

☒ ***GOP U.S. Senate Race*** - Even though most of Gov. Pete Wilson's longtime campaign staff are now working for San Diego Mayor Susan Golding in her U.S. Senate bid, sources tell Calpeek that at this point Wilson is taking a neutral position with regard to the GOP primary...

...Meanwhile, San Diego businessman Darrell Issa has rounded up the endorsement of former CRP Chair John Herrington and four members of the Calif. Assembly --- all from San Diego Co. These San Diego Assemblymembers are Steve Baldwin, Howard Kaloogian, Bruce Thompson and Bill Morrow. They are very conservative and it's unlikely they would have ever endorsed a *moderate* like Golding. The key point here: Issa is letting Calif. Republicans know that Golding doesn't have a *total lock* on her home base. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S CALENDAR OF POLITICAL EVENTS

May 23- June 3	Congressional recess.
June 3	L.A. City runoff election; S.F. special election.
June 13-15	Assoc. of State Demo chairs summer meeting, Whitefish, MT.
June 19-20	Sessions on Public Land Reform & Western Water Policy, sponsored by Council of State Govts - West. Park City, Utah.
June 20-22	G-7 Summit, Denver, CO.
June 22	DCCC Dinner in San Francisco.
July 26-28	50th Annual CA Broadcasters Assn. convention, Monterey, CA.
July 27	DCCC Dinner in L.A. w/Pres. Bill Clinton.
July 22-30	Nat'l Governor's Assn. meeting, Las Vegas.
Aug. 2-Sept. 2	Congressional recess.
Aug. 6-10	Nat'l Conf. of State Legislatures annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
Aug. 21-23	Regional Political Leadership Summit, sponsored by the Council of State Govts. - West. San Francisco.
Sept. 12	CA Legislative session ends.
Nov. 16-19	IAPC Annual Conf., Buenos Aires.
Dec. 3-5	Sessions on Tourism & Future of Western Legislatures. Sponsored by Council of State Govts. - West. Kohala Coast, Hawaii.
Dec. 5-9	Council of State Govts. annual meeting, Honolulu.

CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

■ ***What's Brulte Up To???*** - As reported here last week, State Sen. Jim Brulte(R-Rancho Cucamonga) has pulled the plug early on his plans to run for State Treasurer. So what's he up to? **Calpeek** sources can think of two(2) scenarios: 1) Brulte will play a key role in helping the GOP recapture the State Senate next year; or 2) Perhaps Brulte might run against 17 term U.S. Rep. George Brown(D-Colton)...

■ ***Demo House Leader Backs Thompson*** - Sources tell **Calpeek** that U.S. Rep. Richard Gephardt, leader of the House Democrats, has been going out of his way to let key Calif. Demos know that he is supporting State Sen. Mike Thompson's bid to unseat 1st CD U.S. Rep. Frank Riggs(R). Is this an early shot aimed at VP Al Gore? Remember, unsuccessful '96 1st CD Demo candidate Michela Alioto, who used to work for Gore, has said she'd like another shot at Riggs in '98...

■ ***Unz Takes Aim at Bi-Lingual Education*** - You remember hi-tech exec Ron Unz, the guy who gave Gov. Pete Wilson nightmares back in June of '94? He's been fairly quiet in the last few years, but has recently surfaced again as co-author of an initiative which has just been submitted to the AG's office for title & summary. The Unz initiative is called **English Language Education for Immigrant Children**. The first section of this initiative says that all children in Calif. public schools shall be taught English by being *taught in English*. The co-author is Gloria Matta Tuchman of Santa Ana. A very interesting proposal --- but one which is sure to be controversial among educators who favor bi-lingual education...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● Lobbyist Susan McCabe has left Rose & Kindel to open a Sacto office for Brady & Berliner, which already has offices in L.A. & DC. The new B&B office is at 1100 11th St., Ste. 312, Sacto, 95814. ☎(916)441-7819...

● David Rich has been promoted to Asst. AE in the Sacto office of Edelman PR Worldwide...

● Fred Davis, 66, retired Marine & ex-journalist from Tehachapi, has been elected president of the CA Congress of Republicans...

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